

My name is Dawn Beattie. I have MS and my ability to speak is deteriorating. I just started using video Skype to stay in touch with faraway-friends, so they can see me while I talk. I could benefit from Video Assisted Speech-to-Speech. I encourage the FCC to mandate VID-STS as a relay service. The delay in requesting this technology stems from the lack of political power of potential users. Speech disability by nature limits the ability to advocate. Speech disability is often concomitant with other disabilities which prevent them from being advocates.